

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An optical gain correction filter comprising:
a multilayer film structure formed by stacking a
plurality of thin films with different diffractive
indexes on a light transmitting board, wherein

when the light with the wavelength λ enters at
the incident angle θ , the transmissivity is assumed to
be $T_1(\lambda, \theta)$ ($0 \leq T_1(\lambda, \theta) \leq 1$), and the thickness
of each thin film is set to increase the transmissivity
 $T_1(\lambda_0, \theta)$ when the incident angle θ increases close
to the predetermined maximum incident angle θ_{\max} with
respect to the incident light with the wavelength λ_0
entering the multilayer structure.

2. The optical gain correction filter according
to claim 1, wherein the thin films which construct the
multilayer film structure are formed by alternately
stacking SiO_2 with the refractive index of 1.46 and
 TiO_2 with the refractive index of 2.3.

3. The optical gain correction filter according
to claim 2, having the transmissivity of 70% or lower
so that the wavelength λ_0 of the incident light
coincides with the position of a ripple of a band pass
filter.

4. The optical gain correction filter according
to claim 1, wherein the thin films which construct the
multilayer film structure are formed by alternately
combining one of SiO_2 , MgF_2 , Al_2O_3 or SiO and one of

TiO₂, CeO₂, ZrO₂, Ta₂O₅ or ZnS.

5. An optical gain correction filter comprising:
a multilayer film structure formed by stacking a
plurality of thin films with different diffractive
indexes on a light transmitting board, wherein

when the light with the wavelength λ enters at
the incident angle θ , the transmissivity is assumed to
be $T_1(\lambda, \theta)$ ($0 \leq T_1(\lambda, \theta) \leq 1$), and the thickness
of each thin film is set to increase the transmissivity
10 $T_1(\lambda, \theta_0)$ when the wavelength λ increases close to
the predetermined maximum wavelength λ_{\max} with respect
to the incident light entering the multilayer structure
at the incident angle of θ_0 .

6. The optical gain correction filter according
15 to claim 5, wherein the thin films which construct the
multilayer film structure are formed by alternately
stacking SiO₂ with the refractive index of 1.46 and
TiO₂ with the refractive index of 2.3.

7. The optical gain correction filter according
20 to claim 6, having the transmissivity of 70% or lower
so that the wavelength λ_0 of the incident light
coincides with the position of the ripple of a band
pass filter.

8. The optical gain correction filter according
25 to claim 5, wherein the thin films which construct the
multilayer film structure are formed by alternately
combining one of SiO₂, MgF₂, Al₂O₃ or SiO and one of

TiO₂, CeO₂, ZrO₂, Ta₂O₅ or ZnS.

9. An optical gain correction filter comprising:
a multilayer film structure formed by stacking a
plurality of thin films with different diffractive
indexes on a light transmitting board, wherein

5 when the light with the wavelength λ enters at
the incident angle θ , the reflectivity is assumed to
be $R_1(\lambda, \theta)$ ($0 \leq R_1(\lambda, \theta) \leq 1$), and the thickness
of each thin film is set to increase the reflectivity
10 $R_1(\lambda_0, \theta)$ when the incident angle θ increases close
to the predetermined maximum incident angle θ_{\max} with
respect to the incident light with the wavelength λ_0
entering the multilayer structure.

10. The optical gain correction filter according
15 to claim 9, wherein the thin films which construct the
multilayer film structure are formed by alternately
stacking SiO₂ with the refractive index of 1.46 and
TiO₂ with the refractive index of 2.3.

11. The optical gain correction filter according
20 to claim 10, having the transmissivity of 70% or lower
so that the wavelength λ_0 of the incident light
coincides with the position of the ripple of a band
pass filter.

12. The optical gain correction filter according
25 to claim 9, wherein the thin films which construct the
multilayer film structure are formed by alternately
combining one of SiO₂, MgF₂, Al₂O₃ or SiO and one of

TiO₂, CeO₂, ZrO₂, Ta₂O₅ or ZnS.

13. An optical gain correction filter comprising:
a multilayer film structure formed by stacking a
plurality of thin films with different diffractive
indexes on a light transmitting board, wherein

5 when the light with the wavelength λ enters at
the incident angle θ , the reflectivity is assumed to
be $R_1(\lambda, \theta)$ ($0 \leq R_1(\lambda, \theta) \leq 1$), and the thickness
of each thin film is set to increase the reflectivity
10 $R_1(\lambda, \theta_0)$ when the wavelength λ increases close to
the predetermined maximum wavelength λ_{\max} with respect
to the incident light entering the multilayer structure
at the incident angle of θ_0 .

14. The optical gain correction filter according
15 to claim 13, wherein the thin films which construct the
multilayer film structure are formed by alternately
stacking SiO₂ with the refractive index of 1.46 and
TiO₂ with the refractive index of 2.3.

15. The optical gain correction filter according
20 to claim 14, having the transmissivity of 70% or lower
so that the wavelength λ_0 of the incident light
coincides with the position of the ripple of a band
pass filter.

16. The optical gain correction filter according
25 to claim 14, wherein the thin films which construct the
multilayer film structure are formed by alternately
combining one of SiO₂, MgF₂, Al₂O₃ or SiO and one of

TiO₂, CeO₂, ZrO₂, Ta₂O₅ or ZnS.

17. An optical apparatus comprising,
a semiconductor laser light source with the
wavelength of λ_0 ;

5 a scanning section for scanning a laser beam
radiated from the semiconductor laser light source;

a photodetector for receiving scattered light from
the scanned laser beam; and

an optical gain correction filter, which is
10 arranged on an optical path from the semiconductor
laser light source to the photodetector, and has a
multilayer film structure formed by stacking
a plurality of thin films with different diffractive
indexes on a light transmitting board, in which when
15 light with the wavelength λ enters at the incident
angle θ , the transmissivity is assumed to be $T_1(\lambda, \theta)$
($0 \leq T_1(\lambda, \theta) \leq 1$), and the thickness of said
each thin film is set to increase the transmissivity T_1
(λ_0, θ) when the incident angle θ increases close to
20 the predetermined maximum incident angle θ_{\max} with
respect to the incident light with the wavelength λ_0
entering the multilayer structure; wherein

the optical gain correction filter is arranged in
the direction to increase the transmissivity $T_1(\lambda, \theta)$
25 as the incident angle of the scattered light increases.

18. The optical apparatus according to claim 17,
wherein the optical gain correction filter is provided

on the optical path, and on the reflection surface of the scanning section or in front of the photodetector.

19. An optical apparatus comprising,

5 a semiconductor laser light source with the wavelength of λ_0 ;

a scanning section for scanning a laser beam radiated from the semiconductor laser light source;

a photodetector for receiving scattered light from the scanned laser beam; and

10 an optical gain correction filter, which is arranged on an optical path from the semiconductor laser light source to the photodetector, and has a multilayer film structure formed by stacking a plurality of thin films with different diffractive
15 indexes on a light emitting board, in which when light with the wavelength λ enters at the incident angle θ , the transmissivity is assumed to be $T_1(\lambda, \theta)$ ($0 \leq T_1(\lambda, \theta) \leq 1$), and the thickness of said each thin film is set to increase the transmissivity $T_1(\lambda, \theta_0)$ when
20 the wavelength λ increases close to the predetermined maximum wavelength λ_{\max} with respect to the incident light entering the multilayer structure at the incident angle of θ_0 ; wherein

the optical gain correction filter is arranged in
25 the direction to increase the transmissivity $T_1(\lambda, \theta)$ as the incident angle of the scattered light increases.

20. The optical apparatus according to claim 19,

wherein the optical gain correction filter is provided on the optical path, and on the reflection surface of the scanning section or in front of the photodetector.

21. An optical apparatus comprising,

5 a semiconductor laser light source with the wavelength of λ_0 ;

 a scanning section for scanning a laser beam radiated from the semiconductor laser light source;

 a photodetector for receiving a scattered light
10 from the scanned laser beam; and

 an optical gain correction filter, which is arranged on an optical path from the semiconductor laser light source to the photodetector, and has a multilayer film structure formed by stacking a
15 plurality of thin films with different diffractive indexes on a board to transmit a light, in which when a light with the wavelength λ enters at the incident angle θ , the reflectivity is assumed to be $R_1(\lambda, \theta)$ ($0 \leq R_1(\lambda, \theta) \leq 1$), and the thickness of said each
20 thin film is set to increase the reflectivity $R_1(\lambda_0, \theta)$ when the incident angle θ increases close to the predetermined maximum incident angle θ_{\max} with respect to the incident light with the wavelength λ_0 entering the multilayer structure; wherein

25 the optical gain correction filter is arranged in the direction to increase the reflectivity $R_1(\lambda, \theta)$ as the incident angle of the scattered light increases.

22. The optical apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the optical gain correction filter is provided on the optical path, and on the reflection surface of the scanning section or in front of the photodetector.

5 23. An optical apparatus comprising,

 a semiconductor laser light source with the wavelength of λ_0 ;

 a scanning section for scanning a laser beam radiated from the semiconductor laser light source;

10 a photodetector for receiving scattered light from the scanned laser beam; and

 an optical gain correction filter, which is arranged on an optical path from the semiconductor laser light source to the photodetector, and has a
15 multilayer film structure formed by stacking a plurality of thin films with different diffractive indexes on a light transmitting board, in which when light with the wavelength λ enters at the incident angle θ , the reflectivity is assumed to be $R_1(\lambda, \theta)$
20 ($0 \leq R_1(\lambda, \theta) \leq 1$), and the thickness of said each thin film is set to increase the reflectivity $R_1(\lambda, \theta_0)$ when the wavelength λ increases close to the predetermined maximum wavelength λ_{\max} with respect to the incident light entering the multilayer structure at
25 the incident angle of θ_0 ; wherein

 the optical gain correction filter is arranged in the direction to increase the reflectivity $R_1(\lambda, \theta)$

as the incident angle of the scattered light increases.

24. The optical apparatus according to claim 23,
wherein the optical gain correction filter is provided
on the optical path, and on the reflection surface of
5 the scanning section or in front of the photodetector.